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In re application of:

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Application No.: 09/760,010

Filed: January 10, 2001

For: INTEGRATED SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR
DIVERSITY GENERATION AND SCREENING

Examiner: Jeffrey Siew

Art Unit: 1637

**AMENDMENT, STATEMENT OF
COMMON OWNERSHIP, AND
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT WITH REQUEST
FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION
(RCE)**

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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is being made in connection with a Request for Continued Examination, and addresses the issues raised in the final Office Action mailed October 22, 2003. Further to the filing of a Notice of Appeal, the due date for filing an Appeal Brief was June 22, 2004 (the date of receipt by the U.S.P.T.O was April 22, 2004). A petition for a five month extension of time authorizing the Commissioner to charge the requisite fee pursuant 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 50-0990 is enclosed. The petition thus effectively extends the period for response from June 22, 2004 to November 22, 2004.

The foregoing Amendment and RCE are being submitted in lieu of an Appeal Brief. The requirements for an RCE submission are met in that prosecution is closed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §

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1.114. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the finality of the aforementioned Office Action and consideration of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this submission.

Listing of claims begin on page 4 of this submission.

Remarks begin on page 51 of this submission.